

Château de Caladroy

Côtes du Roussillon Villages



2004 Côtes du Roussillon Villages Les Schistes

“This lovely, Rhône-styled red blend (Syrah, Carignan, Grenache and Mourvèdre) from the Côtes du Roussillon tastes simultaneously robust and sophisticated, a compelling combination. It offers plenty of dark fruit flavor, along with echoes of pepper, leather and spice. But it integrates them so successfully and seamlessly that it tastes almost lithe. Drinking it is something like watching a fine dancer; you can sense the muscle and strength, but all you see is grace and delicacy.”

90 points– Paul Lukacs, winereviewonline.com (February 13, 2007)

“You might be able to find a wine offering more flavor and fun in a stylish package than this for twelve bucks, but I'd bet against it. Blended from Syrah, Grenache, Carignan and Mourvèdre, it is medium-bodied, soft in texture, and intensely aromatic and flavorful. Red cherry notes from the Grenache are quite prominent, but every sniff and sip brings out another nuance that keeps this wine enduringly interesting.”

88 points– Michael Franz, winereviewonline.com (January 30, 2007)

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“A tank-rendered Grenache-Carignan-Syrah blend-displays the most vivid aroma of black raspberry preserves I can recall in any wine, along with shrubby herbal and sea breeze-like saline notes. In the mouth, the herbal elements and bright, salty tang (what many of us would call “classic schist-licking”) characteristics take over in a considerable finish. This might develop positively for a year or two, but it is essentially ready to enjoy now, particularly with grilled meats.”

88 points– David Schildknecht, *The Wine Advocate* (Issue #178)